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regular deliveries of mine containers are being received from Wildau (VO2) but only irregular deliveries of shell cases for other ammunition. The plant seldom works at full capacity. In January 1948, 280 men were employed under Capt. Natanyev. Three Russians are employed in the laboratory; they are guarded by E.M.s. Before Christmas a blast destroyed two sheds and reduced production by thirty percent. Recent monthly top production figures are:

Light infantry ammunition	2,000,000 pieces
Ammunition for rapid-fire weapons	500,000 pieces
Small caliber hard ammunition	20,000 pieces
Ground mines and mortar shells	100,000 pieces [of which 8,000 pieces were mortars ("Werfer")]

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Comment: Probably the Grünberger Metallgesellschaft) stated the plant has worked in three shifts since mid-November producing new 88 mm ammunition for tanks. The fillings, the type of which is unknown, are delivered made up from Stettin.

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Comment: all completed ammunition is shipped to Thuringia and Mecklenburg at the rate of twenty to twenty-two freight car-loads per day.

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Comment: the above production of new shells, which is carried out by Soviet technicians. The Grünberg plant has worked at top speed since the tests were completed. He knows nothing regarding the composition of the filler but stated that the shells are to be used for A.T. guns as well as tanks. He believed the filler comes directly from the USSR and that the completed ammunition is sent to the USSR only. Comment: The statement concerning the shipment of the ammunition should be given credence since it is unlikely that a stock of new weapons exists in the Russian Zone at this particular time.)

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